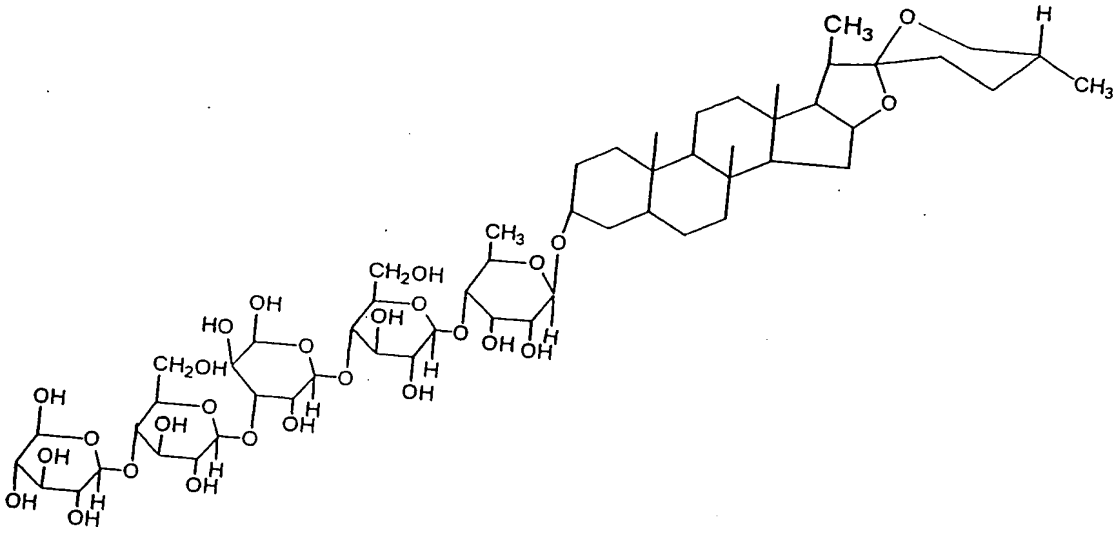
The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Tigogenin pentaglycoside of formula ~~I~~ 1 isolated from aerial parts of *Chlorophytum nimonii*



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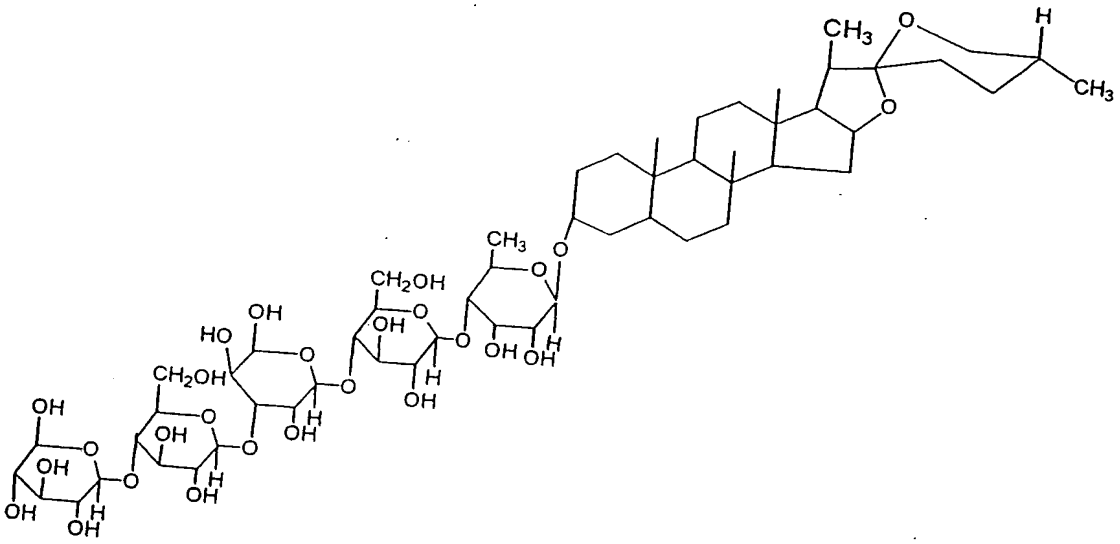
2. (Currently Amended) A process for the isolation of a Tigogenin pentaglycoside of formula ~~I~~ 1 from aerial parts of *Chlorophytum nimonii*, which process comprises the steps of:

(i) ~~(a)~~ soaking material comprising dried and chopped aerial parts of *Chlorophytum nimonii* in a polar solvent at a temperature in the range of 25 to 30°C to obtain an extract;

(ii) ~~(b)~~ filtering the extract, followed by removal of the polar solvent ~~till~~ until dryness under vacuo to obtain the compound of formula; and

(iii) ~~(c)~~ purifying the compound of formula 1



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3. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the polar solvent used is selected from the group consisting of butanol, methanol, ethanol, water and any mixture thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the dried and chopped aerial parts of *Chlorophytum nimonii* ~~is~~ are soaked ~~repeated for~~ up to 4 to 5 times in the polar solvent.

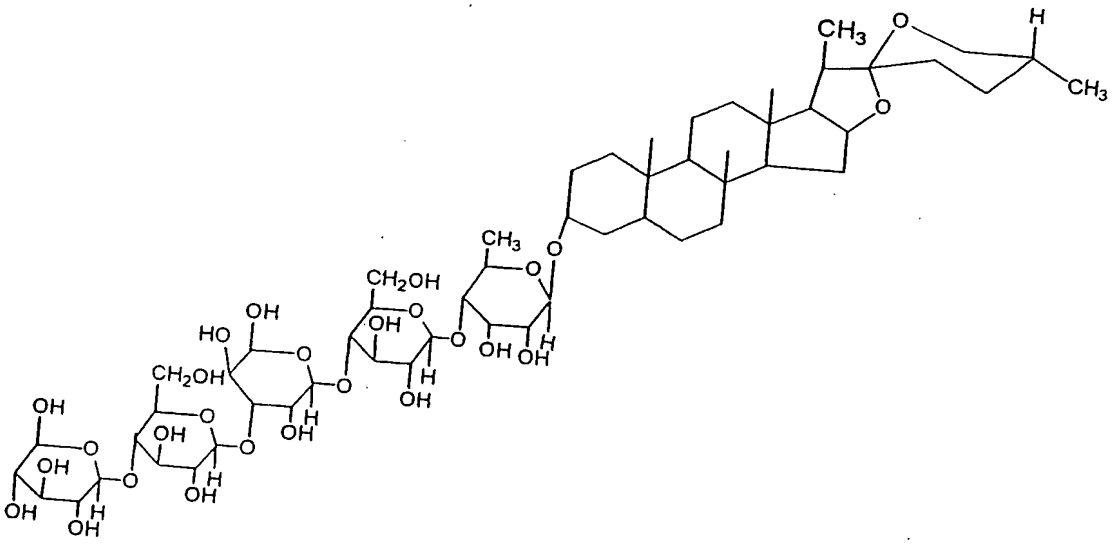
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the soaking is carried ~~on~~ out for a period of about 24 hours.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the filtrate is concentrated to 300 ml under reduced pressure below 50°C.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the polar solvent used is 95% ethanol.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the extract obtained at the end of step (ii) is subjectedto fractionation into four fractions comprising hexane soluble fraction, n-butanol soluble fraction, chloroform soluble fraction and n-butanol insoluble fraction.

9. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a ~~pharmaceutically effective~~ an amount of a compound of formula 1 ~~above~~



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and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable additives.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ composition as claimed in claim 9 wherein the ~~pharmaceutically~~ effective amount of the compound of formula 1 is in the range of 100 to 500 mg/kg of body weight of a patient.

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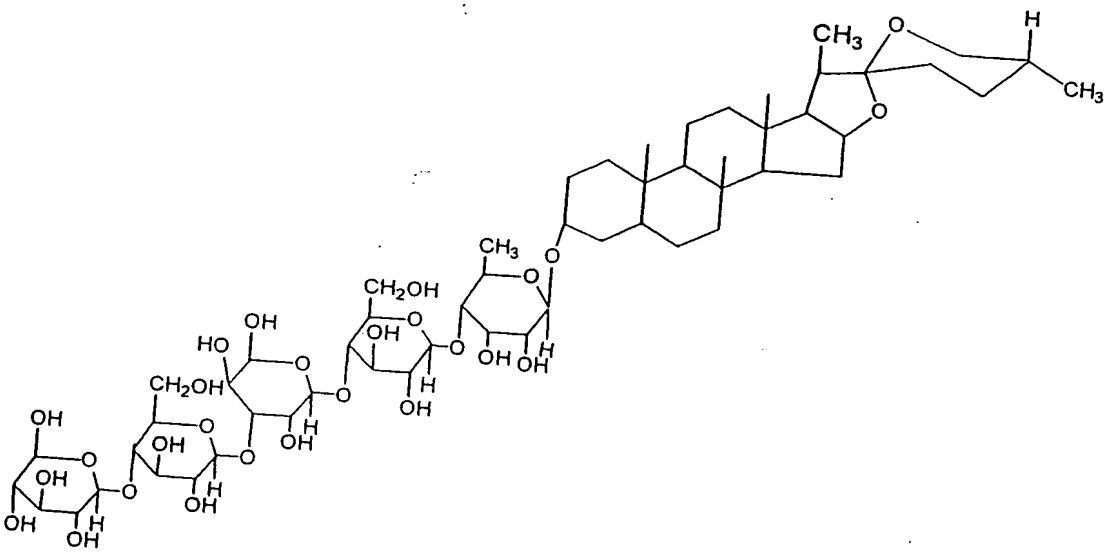
12. (New) A method for treating diabetes or hyperlipidemia comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula 1



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to a patient in need thereof.